THE LAST SOLDIER OF SOMME

ACT 3

CHAPTER 3

HUFF..
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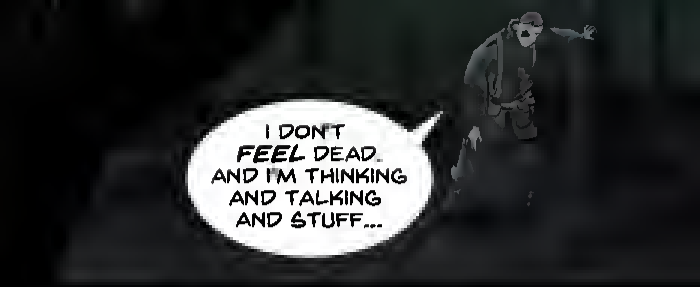
NONONONO!!!
IT'S NOT TRUE!
OH GOD..
.. I REMEMBER IT ALL...

I'M DEAD...
I'M DEAD!

OH GOD, PLEASE LET ME WAKE UP! LET THIS BE JUST A DREAM!
OK OK, GET YOURSELF TOGETHER CHARLIE...
THINK THINK THINK THINK THINK



I'M...

I'M JUST HURT REALLY BAD.
THE CHURCH!
THAT'S WHERE THE GUYS ARE HOLED UP. THEY'LL...THEY'LL GET ME FIXED UP!

HUFF
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GUYS! I THINK I WAS SHOT! MY EYE'S HURT REAL BAD!
I NEED SOMEBODY TO PATCH

... ME...

SARGE?

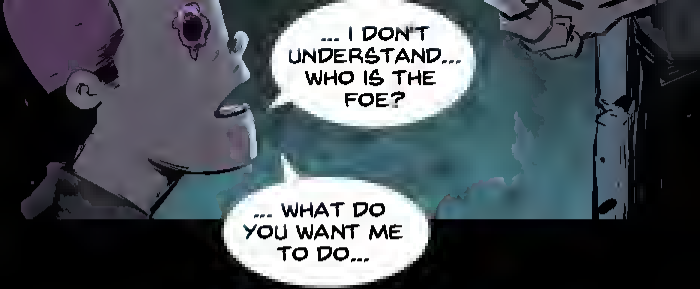
WHAT'S...
WHAT HAPPENED TO US?
...

"... WE ARE THE DEAD..."
"... SHORT DAYS AGO... WE LIVED, FELT DAWN, SAW SUNSET GLOW..."

...LOVED AND WERE LOVED...
"... AND NOW WE LIE..."
"... IN FLANDER'S FIELDS."

NO...
"TAKE UP OUR QUARREL WITH THE FOE."
"TO YOU FROM FAILING HANDS WE THROW THE TORCH."

"BE YOURS TO HOLD IT HIGH."
"IF YE BREAK FAITH WITH US WHO DIE.."
".. WE SHALL NOT SLEEP..."
"...THOUGH POPPIES GROW." *



*EXCERPT FROM "IN FLANDERS FIELDS" BY JOHN MCRAE

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AUTHOR'S NOTE:

HEY GUYS, WELCOME BACK! AS I'M APPROACHING THE END OF THIS STORY, I'M FINDING THE CHAPTERS HARDER AND HARDER TO WRITE. THIS PARTICULAR EPISODE WENT THROUGH A ***DRASTIC*** CHANGE IN TONE HALFWAY THROUGH WORKING ON IT. I'VE ENVISIONED GETTING TO THIS POINT IN THE STORY FOR SO LONG BUT NOW THAT I'M HERE I'M FINDING THAT IT'S TAKEN A LIFE OF ITS OWN AND WANTS TO GO WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO. IN AN ODD WAY, I FEEL LIKE I'M JUST ALONG FOR THE RIDE.

TURNS OUT TELLING STORIES IS KIND OF LIKE RIDING A ROLLER COASTER. IT'S SIMULTANEOUSLY EXHILIRATING AND TERRIFYING. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CONTROL, YOU JUST HOPE YOU GET THERE IN ONE PIECE :)

HRMM MAYBE I SHOULD WRITE A PATREON POST ABOUT THE MERCURIAL NATURE OF STORYTELLING...

SPEAKING OF WHICH! A BIG SHOUT OUT TO SOME NEW PLEDGERS THIS WEEK!

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